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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Executive Secretary, USIB
SUBJECT : Sam Site on Hainan Island

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1. It is my understanding that General Carter, in this morning's USIB, possibly stated that the reason for the U-2 not obtaining coverage of the four main targets on Hainan was due to the location of a Sam Site on this island. I believe it pertinent that, should this be true, the minutes should reflect an accurate statement.

2. The three attachments comprise the source of the information of a possible Sam Site on Hainan Island. Subsequent to the receipt of the information in the attachments, OSA/DDS&T requested that ~~NPIC~~ make a thorough search of available photography of Hainan Island acquired since the alleged Sam Site construction began. This search has resulted in a negative report. *CIA/PID*

3. IDEALIST Operations are not, at this time, prohibited from overflying any part of Hainan Island due to any possible Sam Site in the area. We would, of course, lay on NPIC a specific route search prior to the overflight of Hainan Island, as well as any other portion of China. It is remotely possible that on this more concentrated search by NPIC a Sam Site might be found on Hainan Island not heretofore discovered.

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Attachments - 3
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